

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 remain in the application. Claims 1-8 are allowed.

In item 3 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, the Examiner has stated that Applicants have not filed a certified copy of the German application as required by 35 U.S.C.

119(b) .

It is noted that a certified copy of the German application 198 03 020.7, filed January 27, 1998, has been mailed to the Patent office on May 15, 2003 together with a Claim of priority. A copy of the Claim for priority and the cover page of the priority document are enclosed.

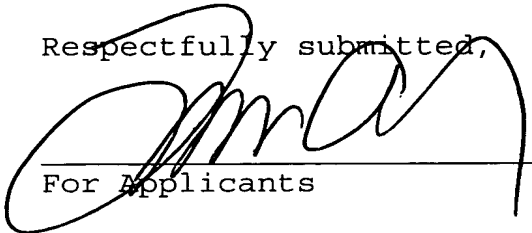
In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Manfred Fries, et al.  
Applic. No. : 09/627,181  
Filed : July 27, 2000  
Title : Smart Card Module for Biometric Sensors  
Examiner : Ashik Kim - Art Unit: 2876

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents,  
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Sir:

Claim is hereby made for a right of priority under Title 35, U.S. Code, Section 119, based upon the German Patent Application 198 03 020.7, filed January 27, 1998.

A certified copy of the above-mentioned foreign patent application is being submitted herewith.

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## Prioritätsbescheinigung über die Einreichung einer Patentanmeldung

**Aktenzeichen:** 198 03 020.7

**Anmeldetag:** 27. Januar 1998

**Anmelder/Inhaber:** Siemens AG, München/DE

**Bezeichnung:** Chipkartenmodul für biometrische Sensoren

**IPC:** G 06 K19/073

Die angehefteten Stücke sind eine richtige und genaue Wiedergabe der ursprünglichen Unterlagen dieser Patentanmeldung.

München, den 8. November 2000  
**Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt**  
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Im Auftrag

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